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SUBJECT: PACIFICATION OF KURDISH AREAS

REF: BAGHDAD 360

1. BAGHDAD MEDIA CLAIMS IRAQI FORCES NOW

OCCUPYING POSTS ON IRANIAN

AND TURKISH BORDERS AND THAT ADVANCE MET NO RESISTANCE. IRANIAN

AND ALGERIAN MILITARY MISSIONS ALSO REPOREDLY ARRIVED IN FRONTIER

AREAS. AMERICAN NEWSMEN (REFTEL) AND ANDREW WALLER OF REUTERS

AND GAVIN YOUNG OF LONDON OBSERVER HAVE COMPLETED TOUR OF SULAMANIYAH

AREA, KIRKUK, AMADIYA, AND GALALA. YOUNG WENT FURTHEST INTO REMOTE

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AREAS OF NORTHERN KURDISTAN AND SAW NO SIGNS OF KURDISH FORCES.

CORRESPONDENTS ALSO SAW FEW SIGNS OF HARDSHIP OR FAMINE, BUT NEITHER DID THEY SEE SIGNS OF GOI RELIEF EFFORT. THEY SAID RELATIONS BETWEEN KURDS AND ARABS WERE DEFINITELY COOL, EVEN SULLEN IN VILLAGES VISITED. THEY DID, HOWEVER, TALK TO GROUPS

WHICH HAD RETURNED FROM IRAN. THEY SAW NO SIGN OF ANY CAMPS FOR REFUGEES AND WERE TOLD RETURNEES ALL SENT TO THEIR OWN VILLAGES.

2. AS FURTHER EFFORT TO WIN OVER KURDS, RCC COUNCIL FOR NORTH ANNOUNCED APRIL 2 THAT KURDISH RETURNEES WOULD RECEIVE COMPENSATION FOR MOVEABLE AND IMMOVABLE PROPERTY THAT HAD BEEN CONFISCATED. MEMBER OF BAATH LEADERSHIP NAIM HADDAD IS IN SULAMANIYA PROVINCE TO SUPERVISE REHABILITATION PROGRAM. THREE OTHER MEMBERS OF REGIONAL LEADERSHIP (AL-AMERI, AL-ANI, AND AL-HAMDANI) WERE IN DOHOK PROVINCE AND RCC MEMBER JAZRAWI IN ARBIL FOR SAME PURPOSE.

3. ACCORDING TO UK AMBASSADOR GRAHAM, MINISTER OF INFO TARIQ AZIZ TOLD GAVIN YOUNG THAT SHAH HAD CONCLUDED MARCH 6 ACCORD AGAINST EXPRESSED DESIRE OF USG.

4. COMMENT: IMPRESSION IN BAGHDAD IS THAT PACIFICATION PROCESS PROCEEDING BETTER THAN GOI HAD DARED HOPE. IT S ALMOST UNANIMOUS VIEW OF FOREIGN OBSERVERS THAT MARCH 6 ACCORD WAS MAJOR BLOW TO POSITION OF USSR. IT IS NOT SURPRISING, THEREFORE, THAT TARIQ AZIZ, WHO IS VERY CLOSE TO SADDAM HUSSEIN, IS TRYING TO SPREAD VIEW THAT ACCORD NOW IN U.S. INTERESTS, PARTICULARLY ON EVVE OF SADDAM'S VISIT TO USSR BEGINNING APRIL 14. (BAGHDAD 324)
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